

Supervisors Favor Industrial Use for Joliet Arsenal Land

The Will County Supervisors went on record Monday favoring the sale of some 2,200 acres of land south of Joliet now owned by the federal government to private enterprise for industrial development.

Such action would aid the tax situation in the county and would be a boon to the school districts, the supervisors said.

After adopting the resolution unanimously, they directed that copies be sent to the Congressman and Senators.

Meade Baltz, board chairman, said he had been approached about keeping the area for conservation of wild game. Will County already has many acres set aside for conservation purposes, he noted.

"We have made a contribution to the federal government and it has made our tax problem greater," he declared. If there were no conservation areas in the county, Baltz said he would favor having the area set aside for such purposes.

Supervisor Donald Forsythe of Florence presented the motion that the property be returned to the tax books.